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NEW MUSEUM FEATURES VETERANS

April 17, 2011 saw a new addition to the Alaska museums community – the Alaska Veterans Museum. Hundreds of people came to the Sunday opening of this private, nonprofit museum in Anchorage, according to the April 18th issue of the Anchorage Daily News.

According to the museum's website at <http://alaskaveterans.com>, the mission of the museum is:

- Create a museum for the inspiration, remembrance and preservation of the memory of veterans and of their sacrifices for America's freedom.
- Educate the general public through the collection, presentation, and exhibition of artifacts, personal accounts and historical acts relating to the history of our veterans.
- Promote activities that will enhance or support the purpose of the Museum.
- Support our veterans, active duty, Guard and Reserve members.

The Alaska Veterans Museum is located at 333 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 227 in Anchorage. From May 1 – September 30, the museum will be open seven days a week from 10am to 9pm. The Alaska Veterans Museum has a Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/AlaskaVeteransMuseum>.

Reference:

Demer, Lisa. *Veterans museum opens downtown*. **Anchorage Daily News**, April 18, 2011. Accessed April 28, 2011 at <http://www.adn.com/2011/04/17/1815085/veterans-museum-opens-in-anchorage.html>.

LEGISLATORS VISIT STATE MUSEUM

Chief Curator Bob Banghart and his staff gave a full tour of the State Museum to about a dozen legislators earlier this week. Details can be found in the following Juneau Empire story:

Forgey, Pat. *Legislators take a break to visit their state's museum*. Juneau Empire, April 26, 2011. Accessed April 29, 2011 at <http://juneauempire.com/state/2011-04-26/legislators-take-break-visit-their-states-museum>

SAA OPENS ACCESS TO PUBLICATIONS THROUGH HATHITRUST

The Society of American Archivists announced free electronic access to 82 older publications of the SAA through <http://www.hathitrust.org>. The oldest item is August Robert Sueflow's *A Preliminary Guide to Church Record Repositories* (1969). Highlights among the released publications include the original SAA Fundamental Series, important SAA planning reports (e.g., *Planning for the Archival Profession*, 1986; *Image of Archivists*, 1984; and *Evaluation of Archival Institutions* 1982), and Steve Hensen's *Archives, Personal Papers, and Manuscripts* (1989). Also available now are three glossaries of archival terms spanning a 30-year-period (Evans 1973; Bellardo 1992; Pearce-Moses 2005). A 1996 reprint of T. R. Schellenberg's archival classic *Modern Archives: Principles and Techniques* is also included in the release. For more information and instructions for access, see <http://www2.archivists.org/news/2011/saa-books-and-hathitrust>.

ASM BULLETINS EXPLORE SITE VISITS, TAXES AND SPHERICAL SCIENCE

The Alaska State Museums recently posted two new Museum Bulletins to their blog at <http://museumbulletin.wordpress.com>:

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Tax Time for Museums New and Old, Storage in Ziploc bags, Grant in Aid project at the Baranov Museum, Bob Banghart in Kodiak, Little Triple A Conference Review, Alaska Native Libraries Archives and Museums Summit, State Libraries Archives and Museums Project

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Science on a Sphere, Rolled Regalia, Grant in Aid Applications, Juneau Douglas City Museum Grant in Aid Project, Jackie Manning in Fairbanks, Ellen Carrlee at the Alutiiq Museum, Jennifer Brown's Internship Report, Standards and Excellence Program

You can sign up to receive the Museum Bulletin by email at the address listed above. Previous issues are available on the blog and on the Museums' website at <http://www.museums.state.ak.us/Bulletin/bulletin.html>.

LOUIS SHOTRIDGE DIGITAL ARCHIVE

Louis V. Shotridge (1882-1935) was a Tlingit ethnologist from Southeast Alaska who worked for the Penn Museum. The University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology recently opened the Louis Shotridge Digital Archive of Tlingit Art, Culture, and Heritage at <http://penn.museum/collections/shotridge/index.html>. According to the website:

“The Louis Shotridge Digital Archive makes available, for the first time, 4,000 high resolution digital images of Louis Shotridge’s objects, papers, photographs, and sound recordings. The Penn Museum initiated this project in 2006, in response to the interest expressed by members of the Tlingit community who were striving to regain knowledge of their Tlingit history and heritage and to engage in conversations with the Penn Museum around the Shotridge collections.”

It turns out that there is an Alaska State Library connection to this digital archive. Here’s how Historical Collections’ Anastasia Tarmann explained it:

“Historical Collections was given a box of approximately 400 note cards that Louis Shotridge used to meticulously record Tlingit history and culture. The cards describe genealogical information, including clan relations, and material culture, including the history and context of the cultural objects, or “specimens” as they are identified on the cards.

The CCL Catalog record is at:

<http://www.ccl.lib.ak.us/uhtbin/cgisirsi.exe/x/x/0/5?searchdata1=ocm42064606>

The finding aid gives a brief but interesting summary of Shotridge’s work and life :

<http://www.library.state.ak.us/hist/hist%5Fdocs/finding%5Fdocs/MS037.doc>

Tlingit artist Lily Hudson scanned the cards and created a detailed index to them in 2008-2009; the Museum at University of Pennsylvania incorporated her work into the Web site. Here are some examples of the cards:

<http://penn.museum/collections/shotridge/display.php?type=documents&id=>
<http://penn.museum/collections/shotridge/display.php?type=documents&id=&a=b>
<http://penn.museum/collections/shotridge/display.php?type=documents&id=&a=c>
<http://penn.museum/collections/shotridge/display.php?type=documents&id=&a=s> “

Thanks to Richard Wood for this item and to Anastasia Tarmann for additional information.

STATEWIDE SERVICES TO LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS

As some of you probably already know, the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums have resources aimed specifically at libraries, archives and museums in Alaska. If you haven’t checked out their services lately, check out their resource and services pages:

Resource & Services for Alaska Librarians

<http://library.state.ak.us/dev/libdev.html>

For Archives Professionals

http://archives.alaska.gov/for_professionals/for_archives_professionals.html

Services to Alaska Museums

<http://www.museums.state.ak.us/services.html>

BARANOV MUSEUM BRINGS RUSSIAN HERITAGE TO VILLAGES

Kodiak radio station KMXT reported on some outreach activities of the Baranov Museum in an item that can be read or listened to at

http://www.kmxt.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2695&Itemid=2. The article states that the museum got a grant for its education coordinator to teach arts and crafts lessons with a historical bent to schoolchildren in villages around Kodiak. The article focuses on some lessons that Marie Acemah gave to students in Ouzinkie. The Baranov Museum has posted photos from their Rural Schools Outreach Program on their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/fbx/?set=a.10150178101813588.322156.84148558587>.

LOOKING FOR A PREVIOUS ARTICLE FROM THE FRIDAY BULLETIN?

We hope it is your experience that you sometimes find articles in this weekly newsletter of interest to you or your users. If you need to find an article from a previous *Friday Bulletin*, you can use our plain-text archive at http://www.eed.state.ak.us/temp_lam_pages/library/fb/home.cfm. It is your parents' search engine but does get the job done.

RANDOM SAMPLINGS FROM THE CENSUS BUREAU

Random Samplings (<http://blogs.census.gov/>) is the official blog of the US Census bureau and has been published since September 2010. It aims to describe and explain census and survey results. Recent postings have included:

- Asian-Owned Businesses Bring in Half a Trillion in Revenues
- State Pensions Suffer Huge Loss
- Finishing What We Start? (High school and college degrees)
- Green Stats
- U.S. Trade with Japan in 2010

EARLY MORNING GENEALOGY MAY 11TH

The Government Resources Section of the North Carolina Library Association will hosting "Genealogy Using Government Information", online on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 from 8-9am Alaska Time. Please RSVP for the Session #2 by May 10 at 5:00 pm using this link: <http://tinyurl.com/grs-session2>.

This session will explore the different government resources you will use when researching family history. The most frequently used and obvious documents are from the U. S. Census Bureau. We will also cover online products from other sources, such as databases, libraries, state and local government offices, maps and photographs. For more information visit <http://www.nclaonline.org/government-resources/future-events-grs>.

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